



# THOMSEN'S FOR EXPERT ADVICE

## garden hints

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Thomsen's Nursery & Seed Store

## SPRING HAS COME!

Spring has arrived in Minnesota, and it brings active gardening to most of us. If you haven't yet given attention to your lawn, get to it at once. Landscaping of your home is much more attractive when you display a thick, healthy turf. If not already done, be sure to seed your lawn at the earliest possible moment. Time is of the essence now. See previous issues of GARDEN HINTS for suggestions on how to raise good lawns. Be sure to use Thomsen's Certified grass seed. Apply your fertilizer as soon as possible so that the grass gets the most benefit and crab grass and weeds coming later will be hindered by the thick, healthy turf.

Now and then you read in the papers of this or that "miracle" for gardening, such as a treatment which will kill weed seeds before they develop. Consult with us or with your local experiment station before spending your money for such items. The same is true of "bargain nursery stock by mail. Last year one house sold  $3\frac{1}{2}$  millions worth of sub standard nursery stock through advertising, until Uncle Sam put the operator behind bars. Members of the Twin City Nurserymen's Association are pledged to give you the finest, most suitable merchandise for your money.

This is the time to order Roses--hybrid teas, floribundas, or hardy varieties. Bare root roses should be planted starting about April 20th, usually not later than May 20th. Potted roses may be planted at any time after becoming available, but the best selections are available right now. Our stock is better than ever before, and few shrubs give a finer return on investment of time and money than the rose. Stop in soon.

Prepare soil for roses thoroughly. Dig at least two feet deep, and make the hole wide enough so that the roots can be spread out without crowding. Remember that the best soil should be at the bottom, where the roots will be growing. Do not allow roots of roses (or any nursery stock) to dry out while you are planting them. Keep roots moist.

Add peat moss or rotted manure to the

soil which you will pack around the roots. You can use as much as one-third peat moss. Add a little bone meal and perhaps a little non-burning fertilizer. Mix soil well.

When planting, spread roots carefully. The "knob" of the rose should be about two inches below ground level in Minnesota. Fill the hole half full of your dirt mixture, and tamp down carefully with your foot (gently, so roots aren't torn but air pockets are pressed out). Fill hole with water. As the water works down, fill with dirt, tamp down again, add water. Hill up soil around the rose plant stems until budding starts.

As soon as the buds start to "break", remove the soil mound carefully, and begin at once to dust weekly.

The same general instructions apply to preparing ground for other shrubs. Better soil preparation means better plants of all kinds. New plants need plenty of watering.

Beds for perennials and annuals must be prepared with the same care, though not as deeply. If your soil is clayey, mix in a generous amount of Krilium to loosen the soil. In any kind of soil, clay or sand, you can improve the soil by mixing in plenty of peat moss. Use of Chlordane will help stop troubles from insect pests in the soil.

For fertilizing now, use long acting treatments like "Loma". Liquid fertilizers, such as RapidGro and Folium, are not a substitute for Loma and Milorganite. The liquid fertilizers are used for "shot in the arm" treatment of lawn and garden later on.

TREES are of tremendous importance in your landscape, and now is the time to buy and plant. Try to use several different kinds, especially the flowering trees. Crab trees such as Hopa, Almey, Eleyi, Brilliant, and the beautiful double Hopa, will give their beautiful show soon. The so-called Ornamental trees: Ash, Mountain Ash, Cut Leaf Birch, Laurel Leaved Willow, White Birch, Catalpa. These are not so tall, and are refined trees, for lawn use. We have a fine selection of "clustered" trees.

Thomsen's offer extra fine trees at a lower price this year. We must move several

hundred fine trees from our nursery grounds to make room for the new ball park. Included are American Arbovitae, a splendid evergreen which will reach about 20 feet. These are healthy trees 4 to 6 feet now. Ask for prices.

#### SELF-SERVICE IN GARDEN STORES

Self-service is becoming more popular, and of course you will find it at Thomsen's. But I want to make it clear that buying good garden stock is not the same as buying your groceries! Self-service is fine for gardeners of experience who know what they want to buy and how to plant it effectively. But most of our customers want more than merchandise--- they need and want help and advice.

There are many places where nursery stock is on sale, but where dependable advice cannot be obtained. The advice is more important than the merchandise! Millions of dollars are wasted on seed, rosebushes, and other items each year because supermarket checkout girls and department store extra clerks cannot give the essential ingredient--advice.

Buy seeds and nursery stock only where you can rely on planting and care advice. We never charge for this help.

#### GLADIOLUS AND DAHLIAS

Our Gladiolus bulbs and Dahlia tubers this year are packed in polyethylene bags with DDT enclosed for thrip control. Glads are especially fine this year. We offer them either Minnesota or Holland grown. Mail orders are invited. (Be sure to allow for postage). Jumbo size gladiolus bulbs in all colors: 50 for \$4.85, 100 for 9.50.

Dutch and domestic Dahlias: 10 in ten colors only 4.95; 20 for 9.85.

See illustrations of these at Thomsen's. Jumbo size Tuberous Begonias, in five colors 12 for 3.60.

#### SEEDS

As usual, we have a splendid selection of flower and vegetable seeds, one of the best you will find in this area. Also, tools and accessories to make your gardening more easy and pleasant. You'll enjoy browsing in our convenient store.

#### GRASS SEED

Thomsen's Certified Astoria for a lawn like velvet. Pound, \$1.85; 2 lbs. 3.65; 5 lbs. 9.50; 10 lbs. 17.95; 25 lbs. 42.50.

Certified Creeping Red Fescue, for dry soil and banks: 2 lbs. 2.65; 5 lbs. 6.65.

Certified Kentucky Blue Grass, the standard. 2 lbs. 3.45; 5 lbs. 9.15; 10 lbs. 15.50

Certified Poa Trivialis, Danish Blue Grass for shady spots: 2 lbs. 2.95; 5 lbs. 9.15.

Merion Blue Grass: 1b. 4.50; 2 lbs. 8.85.

Dutch White Clover: 1b. 1.65; 2 lbs. 3.25.

Thomsen's Certified Lawn Mixture: Astoria, Blue Grass, Red Fescue, Perennial Rye in a balanced blend. Finest for general use: 2 lbs. 3.25; 5 lbs. 5.95; 10 lbs. 15.95; 25 lbs. 39.50. Other mixtures to order.

For mail orders allow 10¢ per lb. postage.

#### OTHER ITEMS

Consult last issue of GARDEN HINTS, or ask for our complete price list, mailed on request.

At Thomsen's you will find only the best in nursery stock, seed, supplies, tools, and ADVICE. Let us help you with any gardening problem, large or small. Whether it's a complete landscaping job to be done, or whether you want us to make suggestions on what and where to plant seeds and plants yourself, we are glad to be of assistance.

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